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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In response to the Election Species Requirement mailed April 11, 2006, Applicants elect Species a. (Figs. 1-7) without traverse. Claims 1, 5, 6, 9, 15-20, 23-27, 31, 32, 35, 41-46, 49-54 and 57-59 are readable upon the elected species.

An early and favorable action on the merits is requested. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3478.

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Respectfully submitted,

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